



# Tawonga Newsletter

Primary School

"Happy, Healthy Children...Learning to Live"

Issue 03 13/02/2014

## Our Vision:

To educate the students with the life skills necessary to achieve academic, social and emotional success.

### SUPPORT

Recognising that we all have different learning needs and that we need to assist and help each other.

### OPPORTUNITY

Providing every child a broad range of possibilities to achieve success.

### UNITY

Working as a team with common beliefs and understandings.

### RESPONSIBILITY

Being accountable and trustworthy.

### COMMUNITY

We are a group of people with a common interest.

### EXCELLENCE

Striving to be the best we can be.

## Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents,

**Evacuation Drill** - Next Wednesday the whole school including the Kinder will be having a practise emergency evacuation drill. We do this regularly during the year to ensure that we are prepared. Please talk to your children at home this week to help reinforce why this is important.

**Routines** - With the hot weather persisting it makes our lives as parents even more difficult when trying to get routines in place at the beginning of the year. Teachers have noticed some very tired children in the afternoons. Please keep persisting with your home routines so that we can get the most out of learning time at school with your children. Tired children do not learn well.

**Home Reading** - To support what teachers do at school it is essential that we have the support of families at home with ensuring that home reading is occurring each night. Make a regular time for reading each day. Please sign reading diaries and feel free to write a comment to teachers.

Praise every effort in reading, especially if your child's confidence is low. Talk about the book before, during and after reading. Discuss new vocabulary, with follow up at a later date. Read a variety of books together.

Parent Reading Session—

On Tuesday 4th March 3-3.30 Kellie and I will be running a short session for parents on 'How to help your child with reading'. This is aimed at new families and those on levelled readers.

### Parent Teacher Meetings

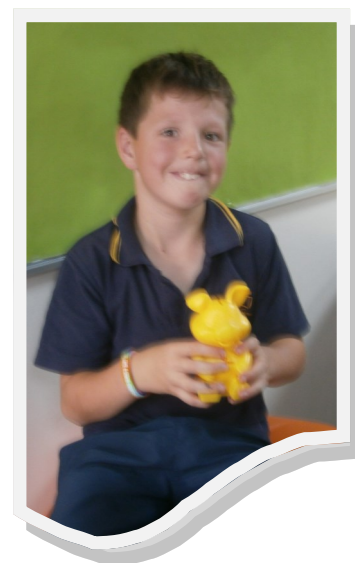
Tuesday 18th February

Times have been allocated to those who have returned forms and a slip is attached to your newsletter.

If you haven't returned the form please do so as we would like to see all families.

### World's Greatest Shave for a Cure

I am very proud of Lachlan Stripeikis in Year 3 for taking part in this great cause. Monies raised go directly towards research in finding a cure for blood cancers such as Leukaemia.



A piggy box has been placed at the front office for your donations (get rid of that loose change). Your support is much appreciated.



Bumper crop of tomatoes.

The students have been enjoying picking and eating tomatoes, plums, strawberries and zucchinis. We have cut and frozen a large container of tomatoes ready to cook with when the weather cools down.

**Kim Franzke**

Principal

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## Community Twilight Sports

Please mark **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** in your diary as we have a **Community Twilight Sports and Picnic planned from 5pm – 7pm**. This will be a great way for us to welcome our new families and to enjoy our wonderful small school community. Sports to include egg and spoon, 3 legged race, giant parachute, novelty races etc. Please bring along a salad or sweet to share on the night. The school will provide meat and bread for a BBQ. If anyone wishes to volunteer to cook the BBQ this would be appreciated. There will not be a meal deal as mentioned in last weeks newsletter.

## School Council

You will find in this newsletter nomination forms for school council. Nominations, including self-nominations open today and close on Friday Feb 21. Being a school council member is a great way for parents to become involved in school affairs, and I would recommend you give it some thought. If there are more nominations than positions and election process will be undertaken.

Tawonga Primary School Council for 2014 will consist of 6 parents, 2 Department Reps and 1 community member. The following councillors have 1 more year to service.

Davide Angelini, Graham Boote and Katrina Vazzoler.

Therefore we have the following vacancies:

3 parent and 1 DEECD Rep. The DEECD rep will be filled by Kellie Rutherford.

## Library books at home

Hi to all students and parents. We look forward to tons of interesting library lessons and opportunities to borrow books this year (every 2 weeks—check the school calendar to stay up to date.)

HOWEVER—it is SOOOOO important that each family chase up any overdue library books. AS current caretaker of the MARC van, I'm very concerned that there are many, many overdue books spread throughout the cluster of schools currently accessing the van. The sad part is that most of these overdue books are the new books. It means other kids do not get to access them. I am aiming to do a mammoth chase up of these overdue books and ask families to do a serious look at home for any requested books, then report back to their class teacher. At Tawonga—I believe we are chasing near to 200 books from our school. So please do your bit to make this task all the more successful. The bottom line is we want the books in the van for all kids to access.

Thanks for your support. Mrs K at Tawonga Primary School



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## SWIMMING SPORTS

### THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY, Years 3-6.

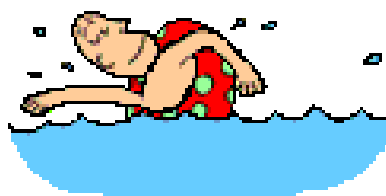
**Time:** The first event will be underway at 9:30, so we are asking everyone to arrive by 9am. School bus travellers will stay on the buses and be met by teachers at the Mount Beauty end. These students will also travel home on the buses if parents are not present to pick them up. Non bus travellers will need to be dropped off and picked up from the pool. We encourage all parents to stay and participate in the day.

**Dress:** Be sure to dress up in your house colours. Start with a tee-shirt of the right colour, and add ribbons, bands, pants, anything really! We will be making special hats at school.

**Parent/teacher/coach novelty event:** There will be a novelty race for adults to spice up the program somewhere in the middle of the day. If you can swim a couple of strokes, and don't mind donning flippers, shower cap snorkel, etc please bring your swimmers and join in the fun.

**Please ensure that the following items are brought to the swimming sports to ensure you are protected if the weather is cool (check the forecast.)**

- School Polar Fleece, Tracksuit bottom or pants, socks and track shoes
- Along with the usual:
- Towel, bathers
- Goggles
- Sun Top
- Sunscreen
- Sun Hat
- Drink
- Healthy Snacks and Lunch



**Optional:** Money to buy one icy pole or drink at lunchtime. No other items are to be purchased.

**Please Note:** Students being picked up from the pool, should be picked up by 3.15pm at the latest, otherwise students will be put on bus to go back to school/home.

House information will be provided next week.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The divisional (zone) swimming sports will be the following day. Friday 28th February in Albury. Entries for this day will be entered by the Cluster the week before. If you are interested in your child taking part please discuss this with Kim asap. Some students have already indicated their interest. Parents will be required to transport and supervise students on this day. Students need to be able to competently swim 50metres.

#### INDIGO—BLUE

Isabella Casey  
Riva Sabra  
Henri-Jack Mariethoz  
Ebony Boote  
Lachlan Stripeikis

#### KIEWA GREEN

Madeline Cariss  
Phoebe Roffey  
Thomas Stanmore  
Katelan Stanmore  
Joshua Angelini

#### MITTA—RED

Billy Hanley  
Bo Hanley  
Heath Niedzwiedzki  
Braidy Obrien  
Sienna Brewer  
Tarn Dwyer

#### MURRAY—YELLOW

Sid Williams  
Jacob Barbour  
Elina Passant  
Sarah Attrill  
Erin Gorham  
Isaac Gorham  
Clint Irving

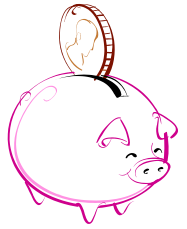


## SCHOOL BANKING

Students have today brought home an envelope from the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. This program is a fantastic way for children to learn the skills of saving and banking. All your child needs is a Youthsaver account.

School Banking day is Thursday and there are some great rewards for students who save regularly.

Please refer to the information in the envelope for more information about opening accounts and how the program works.



## TIQBIZ



We are now using the Tiqbiz App permanently here at Tawonga Primary School. This system allows us to instantly send through messages and notices to families. It is easy to use and all that is required is for families to download the Tiqbiz App. You then search for Tawonga Primary School.

As we are also subscribed for the 'Two Way' component families can also send through to the school absent notices and questions from the app. For more information please see Lisa at the office.

## LUNCH ORDERS

Just a reminder to parents that Lunch Order day is now Thursday. If anyone requires additional menus please see Lisa in the office. Lunch orders need to be placed in the red box near the office. Students who forget to place their lunch order in the box early enough will get a sandwich (vegemite or jam) made for them by staff at school.

## ICY POLES

Icy Poles will be on sale each day except for swimming Mondays during Term 1.

## TAWONGA KINDER

There are a few vacancies available in the 3 & 4 Year old Kinder program. Days are Monday & Wednesdays.

Contact CEYC (Community Early Years Childcare) 02 6056 4399

## TAWONGA KINDER GRANT

In December we were successful in gaining a grant of \$8500 for the Kindergarten. This grant will be spent on erecting a shade sail outside so the children can use the area for longer periods of time during the day. A trough and benches will also be built inside for the use of cleaning up after art projects. This area will also be used by the School's students when they have Art.



## MT BEAUTY SCHOOLS BAND

Applications are now open for the Mt Beauty Schools' Band. Membership is open to all students from grade 4 onwards and is a fun and challenging way for students to build friendships, self-confidence, creativity and generally boost performance at school. Applications have been sent home this week but please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Jarrod Policha at Mt Beauty Secondary College on (03) 5754 4005 if you require any more information.

# PREP, 1 REPORT

Hello Prep / 1 parents,

We have had a productive week this week with the student settling into class beautifully.

In the classroom.....

## Reading

This week we have been focusing on establishing work habits while introducing students to new activities such as reading to self, partner reading and listening to reading.

## Writing

This week I have been introducing students to the first text type we will be studying this term: recounts. A recount is a piece of writing which retells events and experiences. The basic structure of a recount is:

### Orientation

### Sequence of events

### Personal comment

### What can you do.....

At home, you can help your child by encouraging them to share oral recounts of things that have happened to them, with a particular emphasis on using different sequencing words and including personal reflection, i.e. how they felt before, during and after the experience.

## Handwriting and Spelling

As part of writing this week, students have been working on their handwriting, focusing on letters: Cc and Aa.

## Homework

Thanks to many parents who have ensured that their child is reading every night and returning to school with their reader cover. This week students in Prep can start practising the alphabet on the inside on their reader cover. The Year 1 students can start reading the words inside their reader folder.

Suggestions for a fun activity to help remember the words...

### Newspaper/Magazine Activity:

Provide your child with a page from a daily newspaper or a magazine, and a highlight pen.

Select a special word for example, "the" and set a time limit of approximately three minutes.

Children race to mark the special word as many times as they can find on the page.

## Maths

During the term the prep/1 will be focusing on:

**Prep – model groups of ones, two, three, four, five, six, seven**

**Trace and draw numbers 1 to 7**

**Number Fluency Tasks**

**Year 1 – addition / subtraction**

Model numbers 10 to 19

Number Fluency Tasks

Space and Shape

Prep –Straight and curved lines

Circles, triangles and 3D shapes

Year 1 – 2D and 3D shapes

Use of left and right to describe position of objects.

Measurement, Chance and Data

Longer / shorter

Heavier and lighter

Area of an object

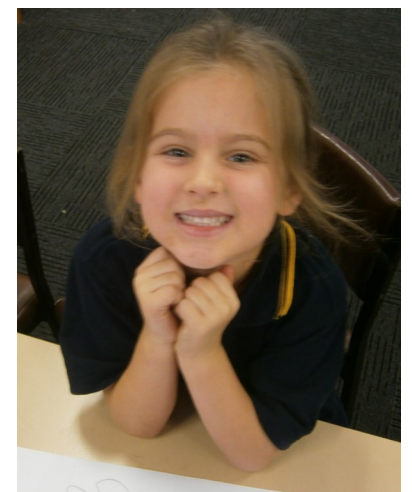
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Thanks for your time and if you have questions, please drop in.

Kellie



# Prep, 1 Kellie



## Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Tawonga Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on 21/02/2014. Please lodge in Red Box in School Office.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 07/03/2014

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY TERM OF OFFICE NUMBER OF POSITIONS

Parent member From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2014

to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016

DEECD employee member from the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2014

to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2016

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

**Kim Franzke**

**PRINCIPAL**

## School Council Elections

### Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the school council.

Name :

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate Date / /

### **You will be notified when your nomination has been received.**

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on 57544468.

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.

## School Council Elections

### **Schedule 5B: Nomination Form for Parent Member Category**

I wish to nominate for an elected position as a parent member on the Tawonga Primary School Council.

#### **CANDIDATE'S DETAILS**

Name

Residential address

Contact phone (mobile or landline)

Email

I am the parent/guardian of , who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development but not engaged in

work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator

Signature of Nominator Date / /

#### **CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE:**

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence
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Signature of Candidate Date / /

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# School Council Elections 2014

## ***What is a school council and what does it do?***

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

## ***Who is on the school council?***

There are three possible categories of membership:

**A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.

**A mandated elected DEECD employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

**An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

## ***Why is Parent membership so important?***

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

## ***How can you become involved?***

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

## ***Do I need special experience to be on school council?***

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

## ***What do you need to do to stand for election?***

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

## **Remember**

Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do

Consider standing for election to council this year

Be sure to vote in the elections.

**Contact the principal for further information.**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

# FEBRUARY/MARCH

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT/SUN
			13 Lunch Order Day	14	15/16
17 Swimming 1-3	18 Library Parent/Teacher Meetings	19 No Preps 1st School Council meeting for 2014	20 Lunch Order Day	21	22/23
24 Swimming 1-3 Community Twilight Sports & Picnic 5-7pm	25 Art	26 No Preps	27 Lunch Order Day Cluster Swim Sports Day Year 3-6	28 Zone Swimming	1/2March
3	4 Library Parent Reading Session 3-3.30pm.	5 Preps attend	6	7	8/9
10 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	11 Art	12	13	14	15/16

## REMINDERS

**Facebook** - You can keep in touch with us on the official Tawonga Primary School page and the Tawonga Primary School Family and Friends page.

**Parent Group-** Parent Group will be meeting for the first time this year on **Friday 14th February** after school assembly. All welcome to attend. Will be held at Old Tawonga Store. This will be a casual catch up and welcome to new families. If anyone is keen to help out please come along.

## SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

President	Mark Roffey 0437 131 778 roffey.mark.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Vice President	Katrina Vazzoler 0438 310 068
Buildings & Grounds	Davide Angelini 03 57541 192
Other Councillors	Yvette Hind, Graham Boote, Ellen Gorham, Jane Zagorski





# Community News

## TAWONGA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

### PARTY PLAN/MARKET NIGHT

Friday 28th February 6-8pm.

Ladies, leave the family at home and grab your girlfriends for an evening of retail therapy at the TAWONGA HALL.

Loads of Party Planners and Market Stalls with all proceeds going to help our local volunteers purchase new equipment.

A \$2 Entry fee gives you the chance to win one of MANY lucky door prizes.

In true country style bring a plate of supper to share.

A great chance to catch up and meet friends both old and new.

At 8pm our amazing Summer Raffle will be drawn. Raffle Tickets are on sale now at the Tawonga Store.



## POSITION VACANT

### Mt Beauty Primary School

#### Casual Canteen Manager

Mount Beauty Primary School has a position vacant for a Casual Canteen Manager. The position is for 10 hours a week working on a Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am to 2.00pm.

The position is a 12-month contract.

All applicants must have a current Working With Children Check. Cooking experience essential.

For position description and duty statement phone Briony Bullers-Knight on 03 57544354.

Applications close 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2014.

Dederang Mount Beauty Bombers under 14 Football training commences on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February. We will initially be training on the Mount Beauty town oval, starting at 5.00pm sharp.

All are welcome, even if you have never played or trained before. Any queries call Roger on 0417202578.



**ALPINE BLUE LIGHT**

**POOL PARTY DAY**

**\$10**  
PARENTS FREE!

**19TH JAN & 16TH FEB**  
3PM - 6PM

**MOUNT BEAUTY SWIMMING POOL**

POOL RULES APPLY | CHILDREN UNDER 13 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT  
POOL INFLATABLE, BBQ, MUSIC AND PRIZES  
[WWW.BLUELIGHT.ORG.AU](http://WWW.BLUELIGHT.ORG.AU)

## How to Submit Community News:

Articles can be sent to [tawonga.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:tawonga.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) by end of day Wednesday for inclusion in Community News.



### Photo Editing for Beginners

Learn all about Photoshop.

You will be amazed at what you can do with those forgotten photos!

Through this course you will learn

- ⇒ Photo and Negative scanning
- ⇒ Edit your photos to remove unwanted marks.
- ⇒ Adjust your photos to enhance colour.
- ⇒ Saving files for email and print
- ⇒ Colourize your images to create special effects

Book now and don't miss out!

#### 4 Weekly Sessions:

**Date: Tuesday 11th February**

Expressions of interest taken for Saturdays

**Time: 11.00am - 3.00pm**

Course Fee \$21.60

Amenities \$15.00

Manual \$23.40

**Total Cost: \$60.00** ACFE subsidised Fee



#### **I pads & Tablets for Beginners**

Can you operate your I pad or phone? If not we can help.

Do you want to know how to apply applications (apps) to your device?

What else would you like to know about your electronic mobile device?

Register for this 2 hour session by 14th February and link up with the world or maybe just your friends to start with!

**Date: Saturday 15th February**

Mt Beauty Soccer Club are excited to offer 2 great weekends away to play soccer, have fun and build team skills.

All "Girls FC" tournament in Melbourne at the State Soccer Centre.

U/10, U/11, U/12, U/13, U/14, U/15, U/16.

March 22nd & 23rd 2014.

This tournament is same format as Total Girl - 7 aside teams.

All "Boys FC" tournament in Bendigo.

U/10, U/11, U/12, U/13, U/14, U/15, U/16.

March 28th & 29th 2014.

7 a side and plenty of games over 2 days.

Mt Beauty Soccer Club is looking for girls and boys to register for these 2 great opportunities.

The club will arrange transport, accommodation and most food for the trip away.

Training will start Mid Feb. day and time to be determined.

Please register asap with Ron 57544886, or Andrea 57545399. Or phone for any enquiries.

### **HARRIETVILLE CRICKET CLUB REUNION**

Harrietville Cricket Club is holding its 30 Year Reunion on the Labour Day Long Weekend in March 2014 in Harrietville. We are looking for all past players, members and supporters to attend.

We have an extensive list of all our past players but unfortunately not all contact details, we have emailed over 100 past players in the last few months, advertised both on Facebook, Twitter and various websites. But as we are a non for profit volunteer club (the only sporting club in Harrietville) we don't have the funding to spend on extensive advertising so we are asking for your help to get the message out so we can find as many of our past players and supporters as possible. It would be greatly appreciated if you could publicise this information in your newsletter. I have also attached a press release which provides further details about the Harrietville Cricket Club and the Reunion.

To contact the club please email harrietvillecricketclub@gmail.com or call the Secretary on 0425 252 155.